Export of black pepper

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that black pepper is exported to many countries from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of export of black pepper from India during the last three years; and

(d) the amount of foreign currency earned by the country from the export of black pepper during this period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Most of our pepper exports are to United States of America, United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, Italy, Belgium and Australia.

(c) The quantity of export of pepper (including all value added forms but excluding pepper extracts) from India during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Quantity exported (Metric Tonnes)
2002-03	21,609
2003-04	16,635
2004-05 (Estimated)	14,150

Sources: Spices Board

(d) The foreign exchange earned from export of pepper during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Foreign exchange (Million US Dollar)
2002-03	53.0
2003-04	46.7
2004-05 (Estimated)	42.3

Sources: Spices Board

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.